(b) and (c) To the extent information is available, no such instance has come to the notice of the Government recently.

Nuclear Power Projects at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu

*418. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he nuclear power project at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu hsa been held up because of the delay in finalising the technology and credit packape offered by Soviet Union, and if so, what are the steps taken to expedite the execuion of this project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this project is considered not viable without the liberal credit terms offered by the Soviet Union and if so, what steps are being taken to set up this project with indigenous technology; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to Commission the first reactor in the year 1998 as planned by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) After the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) of cooperation signed in November, 1988 by India and the Soviet Union, a number of detailed discussions have taken place between the Soviet and Indian Authorities on the technical and commercial aspects of setting up the 2 x 1000 MWe Soviet nuclear reactors (VVERs) at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu. The technical details for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and the maximum basic cost of the project have been agreed upon between the two parties. The terms of credit have already been elaborated in the IGA.

Further decisions on the implementation of the project can only be taken after the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for which discussions with USSR's authorities are continuing.

(c) In view of what has been stated above, it is premature at this juncture to indicate the date of commissioning of the first reactor.

Committee to monitor software piracy

*419 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a Committee to monittor action against software piracy; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Software is protected under the Copyright Act, 1957 as amended by Copyright Amendment Act, 1984. A Monitoring Committee has been constituted with the following terms of reference:—

(i) To see that the provisions of the Copyright Act so far as software is concerned are vigorously implemented.

(ii) To take initiative for conducting studies and monitoring the status of use of legitimate software.

(iii) To promote action to meet the needs of users as regards prices of popular software packages.

Increase in the prices of finished medicines

*420. SHRI RAFIQ ALAM:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of finished medicines whose prices have been increased during October and November, 1991;

(b) when was each price notified by Government;

(c) what is the name of bulk drug on which each of those formulations is based and when was the price increase of each drug notified; and